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*The e-learning partnership – providing the best Canadian online resources, professional development models and connectivity options for the learning community.*

It's no secret that the Information Highway is enhancing how Canadians learn, work and play. Across the country, educators, students and parents are using new technologies, such as the Internet and multimedia applications, to create exciting opportunities in education. SchoolNet works with provincial and territorial governments, education associations and the private sector in four areas.

### Connectivity

#### Connecting Canadian learners to the Information Highway

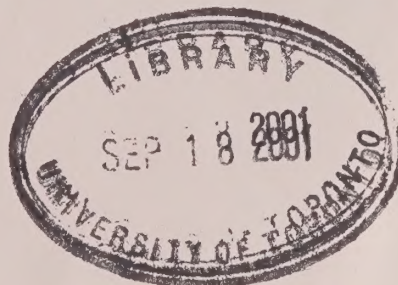
To take advantage of the Information Highway, it's important that all Canadians have access to it. SchoolNet and its partners have helped Canada's schools and libraries get the equipment and expertise they need to go online. Canada is the first country in the world to connect its schools and libraries to the Information Highway. Now the benefits of information and communication technologies (ICT) are available to teachers and learners across Canada, including those in First Nations, rural and remote communities.

The challenge is to build on this success by providing high-speed connectivity to schools and libraries. SchoolNet and its partners call upon government and private sector organizations to donate surplus computer equipment to schools and libraries, so they can build networks to connect to each other and the rest of the world. SchoolNet also fosters the development of comprehensive e-learning models and shares them with educators across the country. This work helps Canada's learning community benefit from increased access to the latest in ICT equipment and best practices.

### Content

#### Creating e-learning content for a new generation of teachers, students and parents

The SchoolNet web site at [www.schoolnet.ca](http://www.schoolnet.ca) is a continuously expanding online resource of educational content, offering access to more than 5,000 learning services, resources and opportunities. Visitors can explore specially designed learning projects, partake in web-based discussions with Canadian astronauts, view digitized Canadian historical information, conduct research and participate in online forums. Developed by teachers across the country, this is high-quality content that teachers, students and parents can rely on!





## **Competencies**

### **Helping educators and students get the skills they need for the Information Age**

Educators know that working with ICT can bring enormous benefits to the classroom. It's important, though, that teachers, students and their communities get the skills they need to take full advantage of this promise. That's why SchoolNet is committed to providing e-learning opportunities that offer a glimpse of ICT possibilities both within and beyond the classroom. SchoolNet also nationally recognizes ICT leaders in education to help foster a climate of information sharing.

## **Commerce**

### **Bringing quality Canadian education projects to teachers around the world**

Canada is recognized as an international leader in e-learning. That's why SchoolNet is helping strengthen international agreements to export multimedia learning tools around the world. SchoolNet also helps bring international partners together to create product development funds that are helping develop global markets for Canadian e-learning products.

Canada's SchoolNet is a collaborative initiative led by Industry Canada, in partnership with provincial and territorial governments, the education community and the private sector. SchoolNet aims to provide high-speed access to the Information Highway to Canadian schools and libraries. Its work is guided by the SchoolNet National Advisory Board, which comprises members of the provincial and territorial Ministries of Education, professional associations and the volunteer sector. The program is a part of *Connecting Canadians*, the Government of Canada's strategy to keep Canada among the leaders in connecting its citizens to the Internet.

To meet the needs of Canadian teachers and students, Canada's SchoolNet is continually providing new resources and services. To discover more about SchoolNet, visit **[www.schoolnet.ca](http://www.schoolnet.ca)** or contact:

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